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SUBJECT:SMITHSONIAN/SFCP - TRAVEL FUNDS FOR DR. GOPINADHA S.G. PLLAI TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL CORAL REEF SYMPOSIUM AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

## FOR SCIENCE ATTACHE

- 1. DR. GOPINADHA S.G. PILLAI, CORAL SPECIALIST OF CENTRAL MARINE FISHERIES RESEARCH INSTITUTE, HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A MEMBER OF ADVISORY PANEL FOR THIRD INTERNATIONAL CORAL REEF SYMPOSIUM BEING HELD AT MIAMI MAY 23-27, 1977, UNDER JOINT SPONSORSHIP OF SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, AND UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI. DR. PILLAI WAS PRINCIPAL ORGANIZER OF FIRST SYMPOSIUM, WHICH TOOK PLACE AT MANDAPAM CAMP, TAMILNADU, IN 1970. SECOND SYMPOSIUM OCCURRED ON SHIP OFF GREAT BARRIER REEF, AUSTRALIA, AND BOTH SYMPOSIA PRODUCED IMPORTANT RESEARCH LITERATURE.
- 2. DR. F. RAYMOND FOSBERG, AUTHORITY ON CORAL REEFS UNCLASSIFIED

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WHO REPRESENTS SMITHSONIAN ON ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF SYMPOSIUM, HAS REQUESTED TRAVEL FUNDS FOR PILLAI UNDER SMITHSONIAN FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAM (SFCP).

3. SMITHSONIAN HAS APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE AWARD OF RUPEE TRAVEL FUNDS FOR PILLAI, SUBJECT EMBASSY DELHI AND GOI CONCURRENCE. APPROXIMATELY US DOLS 2,000 EQUIVALENT

## IN RUPEES NEEDED.

4. SMITHSONIAN REQUESTS EMBASSY'S VIEWS, AND IF FAVORABLE, ISSUANCE OF INVITATION REQUIRED IN FORM OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ASAP. DR. PILLAI'S CURRENT TITLE AND ADDRESS ARE: CORAL SPECIALIST, CENTRAL MARINE FISHERIES RESEARCH INSTITUTE, MANDAPAM CAMP, TAMILNADU.
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